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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
M. A. A'HEARN et al.) Art Unit: 3745
Application No. 09/464,497) Examiner: F. LOPEZ
Filed: December 15, 1999) Paper No.: 7
For: HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT HAVING)
PRESSURE EQUALIZATION)
DURING REGENERATION)
Attorney Docket No. 99-120.4)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 5, 2002, having a period for response to expire on September 5, 2002, which period has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time to expire on October 5, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, shown in clean-copy format, as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A fluid system having a single source of pressurized supply fluid that receives fluid from a reservoir and being operable to control multiple loads, the fluid system comprising:
a first fluid circuit connected to the single source of pressurized supply fluid and having a first directional control valve connected to a first fluid cylinder having head end